the above directions of the Commerce Ministry and the names of the beneficiaries?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) Yes, Sir. Customs authorities had received REP Circular No. 24 / 89 dated 21.6.89 from the Chief Controller of Imports and Exports in the Ministry of Commerce.

(b) and (c) There has been no deviation from these directions. Wherever goods were sought to be cleared in contravention of these directions, the cases were adjudicated for violation of Import Trade Control prohibitions. Only at two Custom Houses, conditional release was permitted.

In *Cochin* there was an import cosignment of 50 units of fax machines in February, 1990. Since it was felt that these were office machines, not permissible as per para 177, the matter was referred to the Chief Controller of Imports and Exports. Pending decision in the matter, the goods were released against an ITC bond supported by bank guarantee. The case is not under adjudication, for ITC infringement.

In *Madras,* five consignments of fax machines were sought to be cleared in terms of paras 177 and 215 of the Policy. Four of them were released, pending adjudication in compliance with the interim orders of Madras High Court, against bank guarantee, cash deposit and personal bond. All these cases have since been adjudicated for unauthorised imports. Goods were confiscated and redemption fine and personal penalty imposed.

Import of Non-OGL goods

1627. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have recently allowed import of Non-OGL capital goods namely computers and computer related products and photo-composing machines; and

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the prior clearance for such imports were taken from the Department of Electronics as required under para 41(2) of the new Import and Export Policy and if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN): (a) and (b) Import of Non-OGL computers and computer related products and photo-composing machines are allowed to Actual Users on the basis of recommendation of sponsoring authorities and clearance by the concerned committee in which a representation of Department of Electronics is a member.

Examination of proposal for revision of pay scale for certain posts in Department of Posts

1628. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is examining a proposal for the revision of pay scales of Inspectors and Assistant Superintendents in the Department of Posts as per recommendations of the Fourth Central Pay Commission; and

(b) if so, by when the decision is likely to be taken?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A proposal for the merger of Inspectors of the Post Offices and Inspectors of Indian Railway Mail Services in a common cadre and their revision of pay scales is under examination and a decision is expected to be taken soon.

1629. [*Transferred to the 25th May, 1990*]

1630. [*Transferred to the 25th May, 1990*]

Improper functioning of ICPS

1631. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN: Will

the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Executive Council members and their names of the Institute of Constitutional and Parliamentary Studies, which is situated at Vithal Bhai Patel House, Rafi Marg, New Delhi;

(b) whether it is a fact that the said Institute is not functioning properly; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) A statement is enclosed *(See* below)

(b) Government has not received any complaint about the functioning of the Institute.

(c) Does not arise.

Statement

I. Total number of members of the Executive Council of the Institute of Constitutional and Parliamentary Studies, New Delhi	:	Fourteen
II. Names of members of the Executive Council of the Institute		1. Shri Hans Raj Bhardwaj 2. Shri Kunwar Anand Singh 3. Shri Ram Niwas Mirdha 4. Shri Justice D.P. Wadhwa 5. Prof. P.S. Sangal 6. Shri Jagdev 7. Shri O.P. Khadaria 8. Shri Jitender Parasar 9. Dr. Subhash Kashyap 10. Shri Sudarshan Agarwal 11. Shri P.K. Sarkar 12. Shri Ch. Prabhakara Rao 13. (vacant) 14 (vacant)

Steps taken for better functioning of ICPS

1632. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Executive Council of the Institute of Constitutional and Parliamentary Studies is not functioning at present;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether steps have been taken by Government for proper functioning of this Institute;

(d) whether any enquiry has been conducted or is proposed to be conducted into the enrolment of members of the Institute before the election of the Executive Council for the term 1988-90; and

(e) if so, the details thereof;

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) to (c) Government has not received any complaint about the functioning of the Institute of Constitutional and Parliamentary Studies or of its Executive Council.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Unfair Trade Practices by Peerless General Finance and Investment Company

1633. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the allegation of unfair trade practices made by the Consumer Protection Organisation with regard to the Peerless General Finance and Investment Company; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what corrective steps have been taken in that regard under the provisions of the MRTP Act?